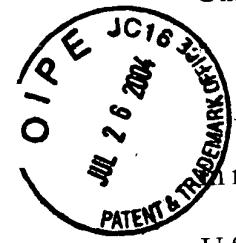


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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests a two (2) month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action. The response period is presently set to expire on May 23, 2004, and if this Request for Extension of Time is granted, the new response date will be July 23, 2004.

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: